



**CROWN OF LIFE** | LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

**April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

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**-We Gather as God's People to Worship Him-**

**OPENING HYMN**

**Christian Worship 153**

*Alleluia! Jesus Lives*

*PLEASE STAND*

**Minister says:** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**Congregation says:** And also with you.

**-Introduction to Worship-**

**M:** God, our Father, each day is a gift of your grace.

**C:** Your mercies are new every morning.

**M:** Guide our steps by the light of your word.

**C:** Shield us from harm and keep us from evil.

**M:** Better than life is your love.

**C:** Put joy in our hearts and praise on our lips. Alleluia!

**-We Prepare Our Hearts-**

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**C:** Merciful Father in heaven, I know that I have been sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Forgive my sins and change my life.

**We sing:**

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
Thou art the Potter; I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after Thy will,  
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!  
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see  
Christ only, always living in me!

**M:** Jesus says to His people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

**C:** Yes, I believe.

**M:** Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, it is my privilege to declare to you that your sins are forgiven. You are a dear child of God. Let's praise His name.

**We sing:**

*No Other Name But the Name of Jesus*

*Chorus:* No other name, but the name of Jesus  
No other name, but the name of the Lord  
No other name but the name of Jesus  
Is worthy of glory, And worthy of honor  
And worthy of power and all praise!

His name is exalted far above the earth;  
His name is high above the heavens.  
His name is exalted far above the earth;  
Give glory and honor and praise unto His name.

*Chorus*

## **-We Pray Together-**

**M:** I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from?

**C:** My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

**M:** He will not let your foot slip – He who watches over you will not slumber

**C:** My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

**M:** The LORD will keep you from all harm – He will watch over your life.

**C:** The LORD will watch over my coming and going, both now and forevermore. AMEN.

*BE SEATED*

## **-We Listen to God's Word-**

### **FIRST LESSON**

*Acts 5:12, 17-32*

<sup>12</sup> The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade.

<sup>17</sup> Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. <sup>18</sup> They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. <sup>19</sup> But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. <sup>20</sup> "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people all about this new life."

<sup>21</sup> At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people.

When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent to the jail for the apostles. <sup>22</sup> But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported, <sup>23</sup> "We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside." <sup>24</sup> On hearing this report, the

captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were at a loss, wondering what this might lead to.

<sup>25</sup> Then someone came and said, "Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people." <sup>26</sup> At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them.

<sup>27</sup> The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. <sup>28</sup> "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."

<sup>29</sup> Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. <sup>32</sup> We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

**We Sing:**

*Thy Word*

*Refrain:* Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid and I think I've lost my way  
Still, You're there right beside me  
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near  
Please be with me to the end.

*Refrain*

I will not forget Your love for me and yet  
My heart forever is wandering  
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side  
I will love You to the end.

*Refrain*

<sup>4</sup> John,

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

<sup>7</sup> “Look, he is coming with the clouds,”  
and “every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him”;  
and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”  
So shall it be! Amen.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

<sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup> On the Lord’s Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, <sup>11</sup> which said: “Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.”

<sup>12</sup> I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup> The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire.

<sup>15</sup> His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. <sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

<sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.  
<sup>18</sup> I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

*PLEASE STAND*

## **GOSPEL LESSON**

*John 20:19-31*

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you

may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

*BE SEATED*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Christian Worship 154**

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*

## **SERMON**

***Do Not Be Afraid***

*Revelation 1:4-18*

*PLEASE STAND*

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him, all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried. On the third day, He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. AMEN



*BE SEATED*

**OFFERTORY**

**African-American Heritage Hymnal 283**  
*Christ Arose*

**PRAYERS**

*The Lord's Prayer*

**BENEDICTION**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C:** AMEN

**CLOSING HYMN**

**African-American Heritage Hymnal 282**  
*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

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**Crown of Life Lutheran Church**

Monthly Budget

\$11,745.08

Month	Envelopes	Plate	Donated/FMV	Total Offering	PayPal fees	Total Deposit
January	\$10,089.00	\$469.02	\$72.00	\$10,630.02	-\$7.92	\$10,550.10
February	\$9,199.00	\$621.05	\$72.00	\$9,892.05	-\$8.65	\$9,811.40
March	\$11,391.00	\$13,586.00	\$72.00	\$25,049.00	-\$16.09	\$24,980.91
Total	\$30,679.00	\$14,676.07	\$216.00	<b>\$45,571.07</b>	-\$32.66	\$45,342.41
	O/U Budget			<b>\$10,335.83</b>		
	%Budget Met			129.3%		
Q1 Totals	\$30,679.00	\$14,676.07	\$216.00	\$45,571.07	-\$32.66	\$45,342.41
YTD Totals	\$30,679.00	\$14,676.07	\$216.00	<b>\$45,571.07</b>	-\$32.66	\$45,342.41
	O/U Budget			<b>\$10,335.83</b>		
	%Budget Met			129.3%		

**WELS Church Extension Fund Investments**

Account	Beginning	Deposit	Interest	Balance
Memorial (18200)	\$1,687.92		\$0.61	\$1,688.53
Evangelism (18202)	\$4,474.59		\$1.66	\$4,476.25
Building (18203)	\$19,478.49	\$6,000.00	\$7.82	\$25,486.31
Properties (18204)	\$7,958.30		\$2.93	\$7,961.23
Scholarship (113792)	\$15,008.49		\$5.55	\$15,014.04
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$48,607.79</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>	<b>\$18.57</b>	<b>\$54,626.36</b>

as of 3/31/25

2025 Q1 Treasurer's Report - CROWN OF LIFE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Q1 Expenses

EXPENSE	Annual Budget	Monthly Budget	Quarterly Budget	Quarterly Total	Quarterly Under/(Over)	YTD Total	YTD Under/(Over)
A Pastor Salary	\$47,088.96	\$3,924.08	\$11,772.24	\$11,772.24	\$0.00	\$11,772.24	\$0.00
B Pastor Expense	\$2,000.00	\$166.67	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
C Pastor Benefits	\$40,252.00	\$3,354.33	\$10,063.00	\$10,263.00	-\$200.00	\$10,263.00	-\$200.00
D Worship	\$1,200.00	\$100.00	\$300.00	\$189.28	\$110.72	\$189.28	\$110.72
E Christian Education	\$600.00	\$50.00	\$150.00	\$531.77	-\$381.77	\$531.77	-\$381.77
F Fellowship	\$800.00	\$66.67	\$200.00	\$196.62	\$3.38	\$196.62	\$3.38
G Evangelism	\$3,000.00	\$250.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
H Missions Support	\$1,800.00	\$150.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$0.00
I Projects	\$5,000.00	\$416.67	\$1,250.00	\$238.84	\$1,011.16	\$238.84	\$1,011.16
J Office	\$1,000.00	\$83.33	\$250.00	\$359.93	-\$109.93	\$359.93	-\$109.93
K Utilities	\$10,000.00	\$833.33	\$2,500.00	\$1,250.29	\$1,249.71	\$1,250.29	\$1,249.71
L Maintenance	\$5,200.00	\$433.33	\$1,300.00	\$2,600.66	-\$1,300.66	\$2,600.66	-\$1,300.66
M Insurance	\$15,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$3,750.00	\$6,597.75	-\$2,847.75	\$6,597.75	-\$2,847.75
N Conferences	\$3,000.00	\$250.00	\$750.00	\$75.00	\$675.00	\$75.00	\$675.00
O IT	\$4,500.00	\$375.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,609.94	-\$484.94	\$1,609.94	-\$484.94
P Discretionary	\$500.00	\$41.67	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$140,940.96</b>	<b>\$11,745.08</b>	<b>\$35,235.24</b>	<b>\$36,135.32</b>	<b>-\$900.08</b>	<b>\$36,135.32</b>	<b>-\$900.08</b>

EXPENSE	Annual Budget	Quarterly Budget	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
A Pastor Salary	\$47,088.96	\$11,772.24	\$11,772.24			
B Pastor Expense	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$0.00			
C Pastor Benefits	\$40,252.00	\$10,063.00	\$10,263.00			
D Worship	\$1,200.00	\$300.00	\$189.28			
E Christian Education	\$600.00	\$150.00	\$531.77			
F Fellowship	\$800.00	\$200.00	\$196.62			
G Evangelism	\$3,000.00	\$750.00	\$0.00			
H Missions Support	\$1,800.00	\$450.00	\$450.00			
I Projects	\$5,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$238.84			
J Office	\$1,000.00	\$250.00	\$359.93			
K Utilities	\$10,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,250.29			
L Maintenance	\$5,200.00	\$1,300.00	\$2,600.66			
M Insurance	\$15,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$6,597.75			
N Conferences	\$3,000.00	\$750.00	\$75.00			
O IT	\$4,500.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,609.94			
P Discretionary	\$500.00	\$125.00	\$0.00			
<b>TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$140,940.96</b>	<b>\$35,235.24</b>	<b>\$36,135.32</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

<b>Serving at Col:</b>	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Music	Karis, Elijah	Karis, Elijah
Ushers	Lee, Tony	
Reader	Elijah	Mike
Altar		
Streaming	Noah	Noah
Refreshments		
Cleaning		
Mowing	Randy	

**CALENDAR**

Wednesday	7:00 PM Online Bible Class
Sunday	10:00 AM Bible Class, Sunday School
Sunday	11:00 AM Worship
Today	Q1 Congregational Meeting
May 4	Crawfish Boil
May 18	Council Meeting
Jul 28-Aug 2	VBS: Wonder Junction

<b>OFFERING</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>%Budget</b>	<b>Projected</b>
Last Week	\$1,511.15	\$2,710.40	55.8%	
April	\$8,466.58	\$11,745.08	72.1%	\$10,888.57
Qtr-to-Date	\$8,466.58	\$35,235.25	24.0%	\$33,028.65
Year-to-Date	\$54,037.65	\$140,941.00	38.3%	\$172,520.44



*"...give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."  
II Corinthians 9:7*

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